

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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SHARING OF RIVERS WATER WITH BANGLADESH
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the issue of sharing of rivers water was discussed during the recent visit of Prime Minister of Bangladesh;
- (b) if so, the consensus or agreement reached in this regard indicating the planned sharing of the rivers water; and
- (c) the extent to which North Eastern Region and West Bengal are likely to benefit therefrom?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ)

(a) to (c) During the visit of Bangladesh Prime Minister to India during March 20-22, 2006 the two sides held comprehensive discussions on the entire gamut of bilateral relations including sharing of river waters. It was agreed that the meetings of the concerned bilateral Institutional mechanisms such as Joint Rivers Commission would be held more frequently to ensure movement in positive direction and their outcome monitored by political leadership on a continuous basis.